

# Little Egret

## Species Description

**Scientific name:** *Egretta garzetta*

The Little Egret is a small, white heron that feeds on small fish and crustaceans. Once a very rare visitor from the Mediterranean, Little Egrets are now a common sight around southern England and Wales as they expand their range, possibly due to increasing temperatures caused by climate change.

This species is classified in the UK as Green under the Birds of Conservation Concern 4: the Red List for Birds (2015).



Photo: Adam Jones

## Key ID features

Yellow feet. See top image in flight

Black long bill

Don't confuse with...

Great white egret. See separate ID sheet



Long plumes on head and neck during breeding season

Black legs

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